

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

at least one substantially closed storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall, and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein an opening of the at least one outlet is oriented substantially along the axis of rotation on the same side of the cage as openings of the two chambers.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 7 (Original) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 8 (Original) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said outlet extends in a tangential direction of said cage and opens into one of said two chambers.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A roller bearing comprising a cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

at least one storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein an opening of the at least one outlet is oriented substantially along the axis of rotation on the same side of the cage as openings of the two chambers.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 15 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said storage space comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 16 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said outlet extends in a tangential direction of said cage and opens into one of said two chambers.

Claim 17 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said roller bearing comprises means for operating said roller bearing in a depressurized state.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (New) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

at least one substantially closed storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall, a bottom, an opening, and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein the at least one outlet is disposed on the outer wall from an edge portion of the opening.

Claim 21 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage.

Claim 22 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 23 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said inner wall is generally locally perpendicular to a radial axis of said cage, and said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said inner wall.

Claim 24 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to an opening of said storage space.

Claim 25 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation.

Claim 26 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said storage space comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 27 (New) The cage as claimed in claim 20, wherein said outlet extends in a tangential direction of said cage and opens into one of said two chambers.

Claim 28 (New) A roller bearing comprising a cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:
at least one storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall and at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein the at least one outlet is disposed on the outer wall from an edge portion of the opening.

Claim 29 (New) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of the cage, the cage comprising:

a substantially closed storage space for lubricant between a first chamber and a second chamber, the storage space comprising an inner wall, a first lateral wall, a second lateral wall, an outer wall, a bottom, an opening, a first conduit, and a second conduit, wherein an end of the first conduit opens into the first lateral wall and the other end opens into the first chamber, an end of the second conduit opens into the second lateral wall and the other opens into the second chamber, and lubricant from the substantially closed space is supplied to the first and second chambers via each of the conduits.